

REMARKS

Claims 18-34 are pending in this application. The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I (claims 18-19) (in part), 21, 24-25 (in part), and 26-28, drawn to compositions and preparations containing retinoic acid nanoparticles having a coating of calcium carbonate and average particle size of 5-300 nm. Group I, as it is the first claimed invention under lack of unity rules, includes the first method of making invention. Therefore, Group I also includes claim 20 (in part), which is drawn to method of making retinoic acid nanoparticles having a coating of calcium carbonate;

Group II (claims 18-19) (in part), 22, 24-25 (in part), and 29-31, drawn to compositions and preparations containing retinoic acid nanoparticles having a coating of zinc carbonate and average particle size of 5-300 nm; and

Group III (claims 18-19) (in part), 23, 24-25 (in part), 32-34, drawn to compositions and preparations containing retinoic acid nanoparticles having a coating of calcium phosphate and average particle size of 5-300 nm; and

Group IV (claim 20) (in part), drawn to method of making retinoic acid nanoparticles having a coating of zinc carbonate; and

Group V (claim 20) (in part), drawn to method of making retinoic acid nanoparticles having a coating of calcium phosphate.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, which includes claims 18-19 (in part), 20 (in part), 21, 24-25 (in part), and 26-28. Claims 22, 23, 29-34 were withdrawn pending the approval of a generic claim.

Amendments

Claims 18, 20, 26-28 were amended. Table 1 in the Specification supports these amendments.

Substance of Interview

Applicants confirm the Interview Summary provided by the Examiner and mailed on March 11, 2010. Ms. Dennis left a voicemail for the Examiner to inform him that the restriction requirement of February 25, 2010 was directed to the previously canceled claims 1-17. A Preliminary Amendment was filed on April 17, 2006, which canceled claims 1-17. The Examiner left a return voicemail indicating that a new restriction requirement would be mailed shortly and the period to reply would be reset. The new Office Action was mailed on March 11, 2010.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3195.

Respectfully submitted,

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